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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJ: GOTG FOREIGN MINISTERS COMMENTS ON CHINESE AND
KOREAN ISSUE

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON GAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
A.B.N'JIE NOV 18, HE SAID GOTG UNDER STRONG PRESSURE
TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PEKING. PRC HAD SENT MISSION
TO BANJUL RECENTLY TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY MIGHT ASSIST
GAMBIAN DEVELOPMENT. AT SAME TIME PRESIDENT JAWARA
UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM FELLOW AFRICAN CHIEFS OF
STATE TO JOINT MAJORITY THAT RECOGNIZE PRC.

2. FONMIN SAID HE PERSONALLY HOPED STEP WOULD NOT RPT
NOT BE NECESSARY. ROC HAD DONE SUPERB JOB IN THE GAMBIA WITH
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. AS FORMER MINISTER OF AGRI-
CULTURE, HE KNEW VALUE OF THAT COOPERATION MORE
THAN ANYONE. HOWEVER, HE FELT THE GAMBIA WOULD NOT BE
ABLE WITHSTAND AFRICAN PRESSURES. I REMINDED FONMIN
THAT IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS THE GAMBIA HAD ALWAYS
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FOLLOWED INDIVIDUAL POLICY WHICH RECOGNIZED ITS BEST

INTERESTS. ROC HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO
ITS DEVELOPMENT.,,

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N'JIE ALSO NOTED STRONG PRESSURES ON GOTG DEL
IN NY TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN POSITION. HE SAID
HE HAD TOLD THOSE WHO PRESSED ISSUE THAT THE GAMBIA
RECOGNIZED BOTH KOREAS AND FELT THAT TWO STATES SHOULD
BE ALLOWED TO WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM-
SELVES AND NOT HAVE SOLUTION DICTATED BY UN.

COMMENT: ROC AMB MEI-SHENG SHU CURRENTLY IN US
ON VACATION. PRC MAY HAVE TAKEN THIS OCCASION TO PRESS ISSUE.
WE BELIEVE MOST EFFECTIVE CASE FOR ROC CAN BE

MADE BY AMB SHU OR HIGH-LEVEL ROC ENVOY. IF
DEPT CONCURS, RECOMMEND THAT SUBSTANCE THIS MSG BE PASSED
TO ROC. I DO NOT BELIEVE US DEMARCHE ON THIS
SITUATION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN BANJUL.
AGGREY

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